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(U) In a May 14 meeting with ROK Deputy Foreign Minister Lee Yong-joon, DCM conveyed reftel points, strongly urging MOFAT to promote Cuba Solidarity Day. Lee said that ROKG's position on Cuba was very close to that of the USG. South Korea never normalized relations with Cuba; Israel and the U.S. are the only other countries similarly without normal relations with Cuba. Lee said he would discuss with his colleagues on how the ROKG could promote Cuba Solidarity Day, but noted that there was no public interest in this issue. VERSHBOW